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INTERSCHOLASTIC MEET LAST WEEK

LARGEST CROWD THAT HAS EVER ATTENDED A LIKE OCCASION SPENT TWO DAYS IN THE HUB OF THE PLAINS

ATTENDANCE FOR TWO DAYS OVER THREE THOUSAND

Contestants Were Here in Large Numbers and Participated Most Enthusiastically and Many Decisions Were Challenged and Necessitated a Rigid Enforcement of Rules.

The Interscholastic School Meet which was held here last Friday and Saturday was perhaps the best attended meet that has ever been held since its organization. People began pouring in Thursday afternoon and not until Saturday evening did they cease coming, trains were crowded from neighboring towns, automobiles brought in their part of the attendance and before Friday evening practically all beds in the hotels and rooming houses were asked for, beside many of the visitors were taken into the homes of our people, and still they kept coming—tens, twenties and hundreds and Saturday witnessed the largest crowd of visitors here in many months, no hotel or rooming house beds were available Saturday night and those who were unfortunate enough to not be invited out in town, either stayed up that night or caught rides back to their homes. Possibly never before were there so much enthusiasm by all the participants of the different contest, many schools showed their interest in this work by having many contestants. Altogether, the interest and the weather was ideal, after the recent cool spell and storm, Friday and Saturday were real spring days, all were "diked" out in their best spring clothes.

Meeting of the visitors and contestants was not held until after noon Friday evening which was for the purpose of "lining up" all the teachers and pupils who were to participate in their work, and by 2:30 all the different preliminaries for the afternoon were in full swing, basketball, baseball and declamations were judged for elimination that evening. Work started again Saturday morning with greater zest, tennis, basketball by boys and girls' teams, spelling for elimination, in fact all concerned worked hard that morning, hungry and tired were the visitors and contestants when the noon hour came, but it was only a trick known to the Lubbock domestic science department, who served to all a fine dinner, to revive all the lost energy of the various contestants in the track to be held in the afternoon. Quarter mile races were run, mile races, relays, broad jumping, high jumping, vaulting and others.

It is impossible to give the names and addresses of all the winners of all events of the two days, on account of the failure of parties whose duties it was to have their reports in. In number of points for the entire meet Lubbock won, getting 61 points. Post City was second with fifty-five points, Stewart, Boren and Walden of Post City winning 9, 13 and 15 points individual respectively. Track results in points were: Plainview 12, Ralls 1, Abernathy 1, Lamesa 1, Snyder 21, Lubbock 31 and Post City 45. Results of declamations as follows: Class A, High School, first place, Miss Mernice Bolen of Plainview; Second place, Marie Lou Rosser of Snyder; Class B, High School: Ruby Brown of Ralls. Ward School: First place, Louis Graves of Plainview; Second place, Miss Jewel Edwards of Floydada. Winners of spelling: Morella Morrow of Snyder first place; Otis McLain of Plainview second; Albert Odum of Klondike, third place. Basketball, boys: Lamesa, first place. Girls: Bethel School, Scurry County, first place. Baseball first place, Plainview. Track: Post

The show windows in Henderson and Jones' store is the attraction of that block. The decorations in these windows are certainly up to the minute and has attracted attention of hundreds of people who have stopped and gazed upon the magnificent display. People who have been accustomed to decorations by professionals say these windows are equal in every respect to the best. Mrs. Henderson is general supervisor of window decorations for this establishment and they may count themselves fortunate in having such talent at their service.

W. H. Strong is in Dublin this week, looking after his land holdings, also interest pertaining to loans for oil and gas on his land.

City, first place. Tennis: Lubbock. Debate, Plainview.

The University Interscholastic League

Our meet Friday and Saturday was a great success. They came from all parts of the district. From Snyder on the South to Plainview on the north; from Matador on the east, to Lamesa on the west. It was a great meet. The lunch served on Saturday by the domestic science department was greatly appreciated by both visitors and the homefolks.

The contests were very hard fought, and we expect the winners to give a good account of themselves in the State Meet which will be held at Austin, May 1, 2, and 3.

Our hardest task was to provide for the visitors sleeping accommodations. Next year we expect a much larger attendance, and if we get the meet, we must guarantee to provide ample accommodations. We had to ask some of our most progressive citizens to give up to visitors their own beds, which was done in quite a number of instances. This shows the proper spirit. These are the men and women to build a city out of our town. We must go after every public gathering, and then when it comes, all pull together to give the visitors the most royal entertainment so they will want to come back to live among such a good, progressive citizenship.

Our fire boys who have drilled so hard to perfect a first class volunteer company and who take great pride in the records they have made at the annual meetings of the Panhandle Association have asked this association to hold its next meeting in our town. Every citizen should appoint himself a committee of one to assist our fire boys in according to their visitors and comrades the best time they have ever enjoyed at a state meeting. We owe it to our fire boys; we owe it to ourselves; we owe it to our town.

This fall the annual meeting of the Northwest Texas Conference of the Methodist Church is to meet with us. As a town, not as a church, we must provide suitable entertainment to all visiting church workers.

Then next April, the League will be with us again for two days. We expect a much larger attendance, than this year. We must have more private homes opened to the school boys and girls. It will do you good to have these young people in your homes; it will do your children good to associate with these young boys and girls and will do the visitors good to be a guest in your home. Friendships will be formed that will last throughout their lives.

We take this opportunity to thank all citizens who assisted in entertaining the visitors, the Chamber of Commerce for providing the funds for the lunch Saturday, and all school boys and girls who fought so valiantly in the various contests. To one all who assisted in making this the biggest and best district meet ever held in the state, We Thank You.

Can we entertain the league next year? Yes. Will we? The people of Lubbock must answer this question.

Yours for a bigger, and better league.

M. M. DUPRE, Director General, University Interscholastic League, Lubbock Dist.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Atkins are feeling happy this week from the fact that they have received a letter from their son John Atkins, who is with the army of occupation in Germany. They have suffered much uneasiness as to his safety or whereabouts as this is the first letter or word they have had from him since he landed overseas. Their many friends rejoice with them in knowing that he is safe and sound and getting along fine.

Dr. R. J. Hall returned last week from a month or so recuperation at Temple, Martin and other points. He is recovering rapidly from an operation at the Temple Sanitarium, and will be strong and well again soon.

W. C. EDWARDS RETURNS FROM OVERSEAS DUTIES

W. C. Edwards, who answered the call of his country and went to France to put the kaiser down, is back in Lubbock, having received his discharge at Camp Bowie last Thursday. He was met at Fort Worth by his wife who accompanied him for a visit of a few days with his parents and other homefolks in McKinney, and then came to Lubbock, arriving here Tuesday morning. He will resume work with the Avalanche and we are glad to have him back on the job. War times have been with the newspaper business as it has with other lines a problem of competent help, and we have at many times wondered just how we would pull through, but with the return of the soldier boys it is hoped that this part of our trouble will be over. Mr. Edwards has many friends in Lubbock who are glad to see him back safe and sound. He and wife will occupy the cottage next west of the N. R. Porter home, south fourth street.

5 BILLIONS DUE IN CASH IN 2 YEARS; BALANCE BOND ISSUE

Paris, April 14.—Germany under the peace treaty must pay \$5,000,000,000 in cash or the equivalent in commodities before May 1, 1921. She must also issue immediately to the Allied and Associated Governments \$20,000,000,000 of interest bearing bonds.

The interest on the bonds until 1926 will be either 2 or 3 per cent and after that date will be 5 per cent according to the present plan.

The bonds will be payable in installments during a period of fifteen years. They probably will be kept in the control of a central commission of the Allied and Associated Governments so that they shall not be marketed in quantities sufficient to break the price.

The exact amount of the bond issue will be determined later, according to the kind of money in which it must be paid. If the money is marks the sum will be larger than \$20,000,000,000 at the rate of exchange before the war, but that is the general nominal sum. These two sums—\$5,000,000,000 cash and \$20,000,000,000 in bonds—are not all that Germany will have to pay. They are the minimum.

Germany also must obligate herself to pay other amounts for damage done, appropriate to her means, to be determined by a mixed commission of representatives of the Allied and Associated Governments and of Germany, which shall report before May 1, 1921.

COUPLE MARRIED IN COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

Last Saturday afternoon the County Clerk's office was the scene of the marriage of Andy Moore and Miss Winnie Stanford. Squire Fain who performed the ceremony trimming out all the unnecessary parts on account of the large crowd who had come in, and the seemingly haste of the couple, thereby "tied the knot" in a jiffy. Mr. Moore and Miss Stanford live near Slide and are well known by many here.

Lubbock has on her Easter clothes this week. The many attractive window displays makes the town look the part of the season. Too numerous are the windows that have special talent displayed in decoration to make mention of each separately, but we note them at Mills Dry Goods Store, Conley's, Barrier Brothers, Robinson Furniture store, Hunt and Company Gents furnishings, the Grollman store and others that possibly we do not just at this time have in mind. We like to see the spirit of progress and up to the minute ideas carried out in our city, and window decoration has great power of attraction and is well worth the hours of hard work to produce.

J. W. Agnew and wife and Wiley Puckett and family returned the first of the week from a fishing trip on the Pecos river. Mr. Agnew says it was the greatest trip of the kind he ever made, and they caught a large number of fish, and large ones. They spent about three weeks down there, and the trip was a very enjoyable one.

Rev. J. W. Hembry, pastor of the Baptist church of Abernathy, accompanied by his wife and daughter, were here the first of the week, shopping and visiting acquaintances.

Mrs. J. P. Shipp and Mrs. W. H. Anstead of Ralls, who recently underwent an operation in a local sanitarium were able to return home the first of the week.

THE WEATHER REPORT FOR MONTH OF MARCH

The following is summary of the weather conditions prevailing throughout the month of March, 1919:

Maximum temperature 79 deg.
Minimum temperature 21 deg.
Mean temperature 49.4 deg.
Mean normal for March 49.44 deg.
Departure from normal .06 deg.
Maximum Relative Humidity 97 per cent.
Minimum Relative Humidity 25 per cent.
Mean Relative Humidity 65.01 per cent.
Total wind run for month 7967 miles.
Normal wind run for March 7289 miles.

Departure from normal 678 miles.
Average hourly run of wind for Month 10.7 miles.

Number of clear days 18.
Number of partly cloudy days 8.
Number of cloudy days 5.
Precipitation for month 3.39 in.
Normal precipitation for March .805 in.

Departure from normal this month plus 1.585 inches.

R. E. KARPEN, Supt. Experiment Station.

HOBBY PROMISES REDISTRICTING OF WEST TEXAS

Mineral Wells, Texas, April 15.—A committee of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce conferred with Governor Hobby this afternoon with regard to reapportioning legislative representation in order that West Texas shall have representative proportionate to population. Governor Hobby told the committee he will submit the subject at the June special session unless some unforeseen situation arises between now and June to cause him to change his opinion that it is a proper matter to be submitted.

C. T. Herring of Amarillo, president of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, was spokesman. Other members were R. L. Penick of Stamford, Guy Crost of Mineral Wells and Porter Whaley of Wichita Falls.

NOBODY CLAIMED THE TWO MULE TEAM

Miss Josie Lippitt, up north of Roswell was in town last week proving up her claim. Miss Josie will be remembered as the homesteader whose claim in addition to much good grammar grass also gave her a span of valuable mules. It was this way: Miss Lippitt was working in the laundry in town and had been away from her claim several weeks; one day she went out home, was delayed on the road and only reached her cabin after dark. She went in and soon retired for the night. Later after a sound sleep she was awakened by a feeling that the house was in motion, and looking out she discovered that her house was on rollers and was being whisked away by a span of big mules spurred on by a driver; she made an outcry, the driver fled leaving his mules, and she advertised and did her best to learn who owned the mules, she could not, so they became hers by right of possession and discovery and some one who attempted to steal her claim house, failed.—Roswell, N. M., Weekly Star.

NEW LOAN TO ALLOW EASY PAYMENT TERMS

Terms of payment in the new Victory Liberty loan are the most liberal ever offered by the government. Deferred payments may be extended over a period of six months, from May 10 to November 11.

Secretary Glass announced that 10 per cent of subscriptions would be due with application on or before May 10, another 10 per cent on or before July 15, and four subsequent installments of 20 per cent each on or before Aug. 12, Sept. 9, Oct. 7 and November 11. Accrued interest on deferred installments will be due with the last payment.

Payments in full can be made May 20, if desired, 10 per cent with application having been paid prior to May 10. Payments can also be completed on any installment date with accrued interest.

Terms of the fourth Liberty loan permitted deferred payments only over four months and the installments were arranged so that 50 per cent became due in two weeks, from Jan. 18 to Jan. 30, 1919. In that loan banks subscribed for hundreds of millions of dollars and then allowed the public to pay for them over a period of ten months. If similar extensions are given in this loan, Treasury officials said the result should be a great stimulation of popular subscription, because the public would have approximately a year in which to pay for their bonds.

LUBBOCK IS LACKING IN HOSPITALITY

OUR PEOPLE MUST REALIZE WHAT IT MEANS TO THE TOWN TO ENTERTAIN LARGE GATHERINGS

THEY ARE WILLING TO PAY FOR ALL ENTERTAINMENT

But the Town's Hotel Facilities are Not Sufficient to Accommodate the Large Crowds and People are Forced to Return Home Or Sleep in Hotel Lobbies.

Lubbock the Hub of the Plains.

Lubbock the city of the South Plains that is destined to become the metropolis—the railroad center—the spot where the main highways for automobile travel cross—the city centrally located therefore the logical place for many large gatherings every year. The city that is honored as the head of a number of district organizations—Lubbock. We like Lubbock. We boost Lubbock—we are sincere in what we say about her future—her possible greatness. But—

Lubbock people are going to have to wake up to a few facts that if they continue to overlook will finally result in a black eye to her reputation as entertainers. On numbers of occasions in the past various large delegations have been invited by progressive people—people who have felt a pride in the city and in the organizations they represent, to meet in Lubbock. These delegations have been that kind that are supposed to be guests entertained at the expense of the people of the town, and in many instances it has been exceedingly difficult for the entertainment and homes committees to secure homes for the delegates—in the homes of the people. Lubbock people we find are prone to want to evade the entertainment of guests of this kind in their home. They are willing to pay for their entertainment at a hotel or boarding house, but are not willing for them to come into the home and enjoy the fellowship of the family. Of course we know that there are instances where this cannot be helped, but for the general reputation of the town we believe that the people are entirely too selfish with their hospitality—selfishness is sinful, wicked, ruinous to the rising generation, and cities where this has been practiced are not the cities of today—they have long since been relegated to the rear ranks and have been placed in the class with towns and not convention cities.

Scheduled to meet in Lubbock during the remainder of the year are 3 big meets of the Methodist church people and possibly others that we have not yet learned of. Saturday, April 19, the Annual Conference of the Missionary Society Northwest Texas Conference to which will come representatives from all over the bounds of the Northwest Conference—possibly 150 delegates and connectional workers in addition to many visitors from nearby towns. In May the District Conference of the Lubbock District will meet in Lubbock.

I. O. O. F. ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION APRIL 27TH

The local lodge of Odd Fellows will celebrate the 100th anniversary of Odd Fellowship in America Sunday, April 27th. They will have a service at the hall Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock and at three-thirty in the afternoon they will hold a decoration service at the Cemetery, and every body is invited to bring flowers and decorate the graves of deceased relatives or friends and help to make this service a profitable one.

Mrs. R. H. Mitchell of Snyder, underwent a very successful operation in a local sanitarium the first of the week.

Mrs. N. R. Porter left Thursday morning for San Saba where she will join her husband who went there last week.

CANNING DEMONSTRATION POSTPONED INDEFINITELY.

Mr. Clapp has notified us that he will be unable to meet the above dates and the demonstration has been indefinitely postponed. This is a great disappointment to the department but will try to have this demonstration at some future date that will be convenient to the people.

to which will come all the preachers in the Lubbock district, laymen from every charge, representatives from the various branches of the women's work, and representatives from other districts, probably totalling two hundred people, to be entertained by Lubbock folks. In the latter part of October or first of November, comes the annual session of the Northwest Texas Conference. Four hundred strong and possibly five hundred, the coming fall. These all to be provided with homes, some of them not free, but must have hotel or rooming house accommodations in the town for several days.

The interscholastic meet which was held here last Friday and Saturday was a great success in every way except to provide places for them to stay. Our hotel facilities are not sufficient to handle these large crowds, hence it is necessary for the homes of the town to be thrown open to these representatives. Those who had charge of the entertainment of the young people who came here for the league experienced much difficulty in finding places for all of the visitors to sleep. Meals can be secured reasonably at the hotels and cafes, but beds were scarce and as a result many people were away after the first night and did not return, and it has been hinted that if Lubbock people do not want this meeting that it can be easily shifted to other places of much less importance, where the people are glad to furnish all the entertainment in the homes that is necessary.

If Lubbock is to make the convention city—the city of big gatherings and expects to be recognized as a suitable place for public meetings, her people will certainly have to get that selfishness off of their disposition and show their friendliness toward their fellowmen, and cultivate a spirit of friendliness that does not now exist.

Open the doors of your home to the visitors coming Saturday.

Make them feel at home.

Let them leave Lubbock, boosters instead of knockers with silent resolutions in their heart and mind that they will never again come here.

Meet them at the threshold of the city and show them a spirit of hospitality every day every minute they are here that will remain as long as they live.

Be a real citizen.
Be a live wire for your city.
Be hospitable.

CATTLEMEN'S HOG CREEK WELL BEING DRILLED

We are informed that the Cattlemen's Hog Creek well is now well under course of drilling, and that splendid progress is being made. The company is very optimistic as to the outcome of this well, and we hope to be able to report a rich flow of oil soon. The company is composed almost entirely of Lubbock people.

J. A. Wilson was here the first of this week transacting business. He had on his trading clothes and was mixing with the Lubbock folks promiscuously. He has opened a real estate office at Breckenridge, Texas, and will operate an immigration service from that place to this, and expects to put over several good deals. Read his ad in this issue of the Avalanche. He wants listing of property from this section of the country.

J. H. Langford and wife returned last week from Beaumont, where they made their home the past year. Mr. Langford has been helping Uncle Sam in the ship building department, but since the kaiser has quit scrapping and is now sawing wood, Jack proposes to come back on the job of helping to develop Lubbock.

Among the business visitors to the "Hub of the Plains" from Terry county Thursday were: Ray and Dick Brownfield, Will Alf. Hall, W. H. Black and A. F. Blinn.